

Don't Mourn - Organize!

Songs of labor songwriter Joe Hill

Smithsonian/Folkways SF 40026 cassette \$9 from IWW Lit

WARNING: DON'T LEND THIS TAPE TO YOUR FRIENDS. YOU WON'T GET IT BACK! For \$9 (cassette), you get to hear some Joe Hill songs. The recording is significant as a collection of voices: Utah Phillips, Billy Bragg, Hazel Dickens, Haywire Mac McClintock, Paul Robeson, Pete Seeger and more. A variety of folk traditions are united by a theme of workers' organizing. As S/F archivist & producer Lori Taylor writes: "...songs and stories by performers about their heroes continues to link musical and political traditions..."

Among the voices is Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, in a brief passage from a 1962 speech. There was a mysterious connection between Flynn and Hill. They met only once, but Flynn wrote extensively of Hill, and Hill wrote, "The song and the 'Girl' that I like the best of my own is 'The Rebel Girl'" -- which he dedicated to E. Gurley Flynn.

"The Rebel Girl," performed here by Hazel Dickens and the Johnson Mtn. Boys is authentic Appalachian music - and by itself, worth buying the tape for. You will wish there were more verses, but fortunately you can play it over and over. Dickens up-dated the words to change the emphasis on women's roles.

Taylor explains in her extensive notes, "...the words, though progressive at the time, reflect the attitude that the role of women was secondary and supportive to that of men." Taylor goes on to say that "Joe Hill actually wrote a great deal about improving the conditions and recognition of women workers..." All vocalists will want to learn the new version.

Alfred Estaban Cortez sings a touching, little-known song called "The White

Slave" -- about poor female wage slaves getting lured into prostitution. Cortez, who joined the IWW in 1916, is the father of Carlos Cortez, Wobbly poet, artist and *Industrial Worker* columnist.

In addition to songs and speaking voices, you get an informative printed insert with many historic anecdotes about Hill's life and times, as well as background on the performers. "Often a particular group of workers would request that a song be written, and the songwriter would oblige. Joe Hill wrote by request and on his own, several songs for specific fights..."

Last but not least, you will own a great sketch portrait of the man, one of the best I have seen. It graces the cassette cover but can be easily enlarged as a poster. A useful musical document, *Don't Mourn - Organize!* should be in the hands of all folk performers and radio DJ's. "For many performers...learning and perpetuating stories and songs of Joe Hill is a rite of passage," Taylor notes.

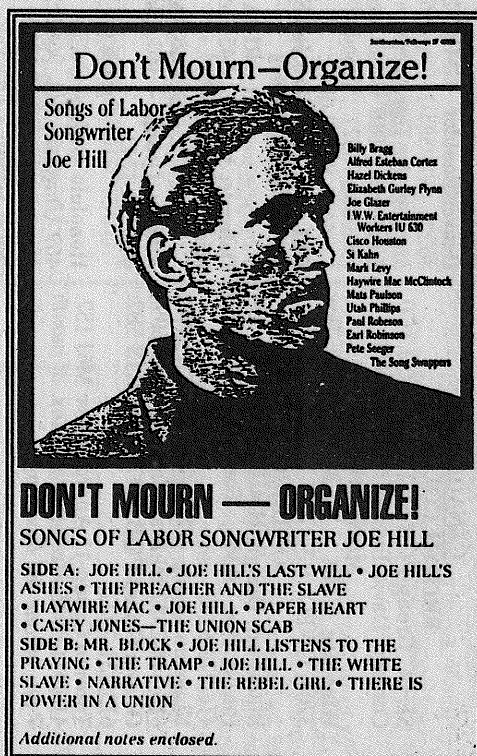
Haywire Mac tells us, "Yeah, I knew him as well as anybody could be said to know him. He was a man of mystery.

Nobody really knew the guy..."

"When you have listened to this record, you will know Joe Hill -- or at least what he has become," asserts Taylor.

By bringing together some of the diverse pieces of Joe Hill's living spirit, this record is a solid contribution to working class solidarity.

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"Poison the Bosses, Not Marshallese Workers!"



under the age of 10. The Marshallese people have the good fortune of being part of a Compact of Free Association with the US. From 1946-56, US nuclear weapons tests devastated 3 atolls, Enewetak, Bikini and Rongalap, leaving many of the islands uninhabitable and the people and children with terrible

The Marshallese Islands is a small supposedly independent nation in the Pacific, a series of tiny, mostly uninhabited islands and atolls with a total population of 43,000 - half of them children

cancers and birth defects. Another main island, Ebeye, is the cramped 64-acre home of 11,000 Marshallese. Kwajalein, 3 miles south is to this day used as a US military base and missile range. The Marshall Islanders have been forced into economic dependency. They get by on a few local businesses, such as clam production, handouts from the US taxpayers, and by providing services for the US military on Kwajalein.

Recently a US corporation, Union Oil of California (UNOCAL) attempted to exploit the Marshallese people yet again by paying \$2.5 million to dump thousands of tons of contaminated soil on Kwajalein's coral reefs and beaches - to help build a causeway linking 3 islands. The money was to go to the

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Med Workers Wages Docked for Lovebites!

by Dave Collins

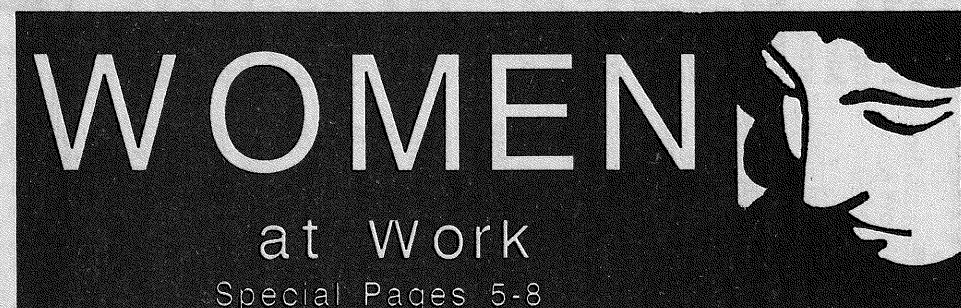
A medical company has found a new way to put the bite on its employees -- if you show up for work with a hickey on your neck, you lose a day's pay!

Ridiculous? Not if you're Diana Tamez, personnel manager for Clinicas de Salud Del Pueblo Inc., of Brawley, California. According to Tamez, the company had received complaints from patients and colleagues when workers would show up on the job "sporting" hickeys. And UCLA's Mark Goulston, professor of psychiatry, backs up Tamez. He claims that seeing hickeys can cause bad feelings!

"Someone with a low sex drive may look at it as a bruise," said Goulston. But others may react differently: "Someone with a lot of sex on their mind will look at a hickey as if they're watching ...'Basic Instinct'."

The new policy, approved by the company board of directors in Dec.'92, requires workers who have hickeys to be sent home without pay. They can return to work only when the hickey is gone, or if they cover it up.

Once again, bosses are finding new ways to interfere in workers' lives. Bad enough that they restrict employees' rights on the job. Must they interfere in our PRIVATE LIVES? Enough! It's time to dump the bosses, and the bords of directors, OFF OUR BACKS!



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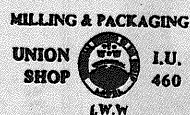
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Letters

Dear FW Editors,

Fellowworker Chris White alerted me to the fact that the IWW arrived in Alaska once again. He noticed that flour made by IU 460 at the Fairhaven Cooperative Flour Mill in Bellingham, Washington was on sale in Fairbanks

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and urged me to check the store here in Anchorage to see if they had it too. Sure enough they did. Chris said, "Good Wobbly propaganda of the deed - makes great bread too! Like most things Wobbly, it really works if you do it right." For the OBU,

--Chris White and Ruth Sheridan

Fellow workers:

I note in Jan.'93 IW you commend to your readers PeaceNet. Would it be possible to send my way some information on how to get into PeaceNet? At the moment I'm trying to organize teaching assistants here at Northwestern U., and any information to help in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

By the way, the organizing tips in the Feb. issue were very suggestive in this regard. Serendipity triumphs again...For a world without bosses,

--Ron Carrier X341878
Chicago GMB

Greetings, FWs

You bloody beauties! (A popular saying among close friends in Australia). What a wonderful job you are doing with the IW! It's terrific! Makes me feel proud to be a ragged assed, geriatric philanthropic (merely meant to remind you that I am a retired Painter's Union member) member of the IWW. These days I don't feel ashamed when I show other unionists in my district a copy of our union paper. Can I supply you with union news from 'Down Under' - regularly I mean? Can we strike up a deal where I send along a small cheque to help defray the expense?

I am fervently desirous of getting the old firm better organized. From where I stand - in a country with a well organized, strong union movement - having spent a lifetime as a union activist - even at the ripe old age of 69 years (still a student), to organizing an Australian Student's union (1983) at the Beijing Languages Institute - much to the dismay of the teaching staff ("We do not like to have students unions since the trouble with 'The Cultural Revolution'")! I see a very poor picture in our miserable numbers, our lack of rank and file participation and might I go so far as to say the general malaise.

(All this) prompts me to roll up my sleeves and see if I can't get a dozen or so of our militant radicals into harness and whip the 'auld nag' into - at least a gentle trot to start with, so while - ever I do not infringe on our cherished IWW principles - I would like to take some heed from the recommendations of Chairman Mao who said, "Even one's age may become grounds for conceit. The young, because they are bright and capable, may look down upon the old; and the old, because they are rich in experience, may look down upon the young. All such things become

encumbrances or baggage if there is no critical awareness. .. Constantly criticize our shortcomings."

So, I might want to make some honest criticisms in my dispatches. And further - I want a definite understanding about length of articles and will not countenance re-wordings or omissions (Blasphemy, libel, or violations of IWW principles excepted).

What is E mail? Can I hook my computer up to your circuits? Now for Christ's sake, let's have some positivity with a prompt answer. I am making efforts to get hooked up with US & Canada Peacenet (WEB) through Pegasus here in Queensland but it's bloody expensive. Peace & Pork Chops,

--Pat Mackie X2151

PO Box 322 Newport Beach

Sydney Australia 2106

(we include FW Mackie's address so members can contact him with advice about international e-mail-IW)

Hearty Greetings to You,

The activities of the year are continuing! Along with many changes to the programme. Since the launch of the library, we have changed places once in Jan.'91, when we moved from Gilhove Chambers to Pan Africa. We may move again in the future. We hope this next will be the final move, as we are quite excited about the premises.

A children's library section will be established in the near future. The idea of a children's section is to encourage mothers to attend.

Johannesburg City Council plans to move its Electricity Dept out of town and make the buildings available for cultural organizations. They have allocated us a 3-storey building on no.1, President St., for nominal rent and service charges. The building is in good condition and gives us lots of space.

City Council is talking of providing recreation areas, parking, security and a bus service from Soweto directly to the place (later, a railway line as well).

Also on the grounds is the old Newton Compound, built around 1910 to house Municipal workers. The Municipality followed the model of the mine compounds, and like the mines made a policy of employing migrant labor. It was built to house 312 workers in 9 rooms. Looking at the rooms today, you can still see the ridges on the concrete floor that marked the beds. Workers were packed side by side in two-storey bunks. You can also see the spot for the coal stoves on the floor - one for each room. The rooms have no ceilings, and are exposed to wind coming through openings in the roof. For the 312 workers, this Compound had 2 bathroom areas, with one urinal and 8 squat pan toilets each, and no

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May Day Greetings!

This year, reclaim International Workers Day -- May 1st. Your Branch can help by sending an ad-type message of MayDay Greetings, along with a donation to support this newspaper.

We suggest, for a business-card size greeting, a donation of \$5. How about a 1/4 page for \$40? Make your cheque to IWW - Industrial Worker Sustaining Fund - but mail it along with your camera-ready ad to IW Coord. PO Box 4217 Stn E Ottawa ON K1S 5B2. (We'll forward your cheque to GHQ, after recording your contribution.) Submissions must be received by March 6 to appear in April 93 IW edition; by April 6, to appear in May 93 edition.

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Pirate Radio Perspectives

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by Greg Giorgio, X341883

The Federal Communications Act of 1934 draws a hard line between "proper usage" and "harmful interference" on the airwaves over airspace USA. With the establishment of the Federal Comm. Commission (FCC) radio broadcasting became a regulated, mostly commercial, some believe, essentially boring and others say a political mouthpiece of the ruling Oligarchy. License applications today require an accompanying check for \$100,000; if you operate without a license as a "pirate" you can be fined up to \$10,000, face up to a year in prison, or both.

The law, and what the government does in its own interest are not the same. The FCC has never interfered with clandestine political radio stations operated with CIA and allied nations' support in the Middle East. The anti-Iranian Flag of Freedom and Radio Iran broadcasts are supported by the US and Egypt, along with the Voice of Iraqi Opposition from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia with daily rants against Saddam Hussein.

In the US there have been dozens of raids on pirate stations. One case involves the seizure of Radio New York International's pirate station aboard the ancient Japanese fishing trawler, Sarah, outfitted for broadcasting by Alan Weiner. Weiner started an alternative rock music station outside US territorial waters in 1987. Raided without a warrant, Weiner began operations aboard the Sarah again in '88, only to face the wrath of the FCC a second time; Federal Court issued a permanent restraining order against "Radio Sarah".

Explaining Radio Sarah's use of unassigned AM radio territory in the 1605-1705 kHz range, Weiner's attorney said: "It's absurd for the FCC to think that they own the whole spectrum. They can't regulate unassigned space. There are plenty of cases concerning people who speak on street corners who say essentially the same thing" (*The Nation*, 4-2-89). The FCC, ironically, had received no complaints about Weiner's broadcasts and have been reluctant to prosecute offenders as criminals in most cases.

Free radio activists like Dewayne Readus, Springfield IL typically face fines of \$750. Readus's Zoom Black Magic Radio has grown to a network of pirate stations trying to reach the masses doped up on mainstream media. Zoom's aim has often been to downplay any celebration of material values. (*Ume Reader* Jan/Feb 91).

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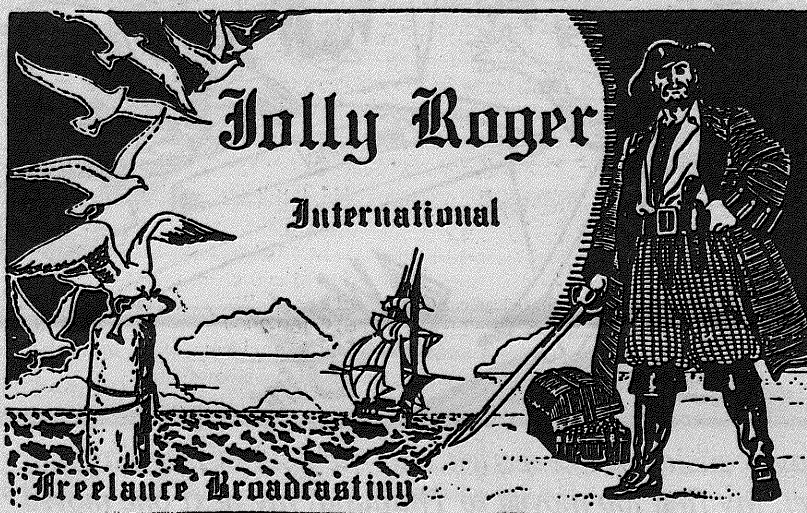
Napolean Williams, a Decatur IL pirate has seen how the message can enrage those who don't agree with its implications. Williams has been happy to give his listeners his version of various cases of police harassment and brutality. In turn, Williams has been arrested on charges ranging from sexual assault to soliciting for murder, none of which stuck. But Williams and Liberation Radio remain committed to the cause. "They can arrest Napolean, but not the airwaves," said his companion. That's the essence of the concept of pirate radio.

All these persecuted broadcasters shared a common flaw - they were identifiable. Whether "righty", or anarcho syndicalist, the rub is that an operator can't expect to be visible and in the grasp of thousands of listeners. Competition on the airwaves is formidable; the trick is to live with that and stay on the air.

In his article "How to Survive," (*The*

Ace), John T. Arthur asks several veteran pirates to offer insight on longevity for the unlicensed. "Don't broadcast too often," one said, urging technical excellence and good content. Why sensationalize, when you can just calmly state the facts? If you are very boring, "everyone will think they're listening to the Voice of America."

An avid shortwave listener from the UK said most pirates remain mobile to avoid detection. Quick-disconnect fittings for all cables and connections are used to shut down in a hurry. "Don't set patterns," says Arthur. "Be careful who you talk to. And keep transmissions brief - less than 30 minutes each time," warned another air vet. Other advice included staying out of amateur bands, because ham operators will jam the signal and report intruders into their domain. Private property should not be used as a broadcast site without permission. Avoid assigned positions in all bands of the radio spectrum, and stay clear of neighborhood radio and TV reception by testing equipment thoroughly before going on air. Assume nothing about those who may hear. If military, ship-to-shore, MARS (military affiliate radio system), or commercial broadcasts are interfered with, the authorities will respond quickly. Pirates never use their real names, and arrange audience contact through mail drops (see below).



A pirate can get on the air for a few hundred dollars, with mostly used equipment. Ruling out high powered CB transmitters, which offer limited format options, there are basic equipment configurations. Arthur, in *Free Radio Handbook* suggests a used shortwave transmitter, usually a transceiver unit available in classified ads.. Used Heathkit, Knight, or Viking transmitters often have audio deficiencies resulting from tired modulator units, which can sometimes be fixed or replaced. Old ham transmitters are not practical, since they are designed to run at full power for only 10 minutes at a time and require constant maintenance. VFO transmitters are becoming obsolete, but can be upgraded with a crystal tuner only -- unchecked VFO transmissions interfere with the FM band, and that will get a pirate caught.

There are several types of antennas. Beginners might use a simple longwire, connecting a single wire to the transmitter's terminal and running it out the window. Dipole antennas match well with 75 ohm coaxial cable and don't require much tuning. Resonance across the shortwave band can be increased with a 300 ohm, twin lead fed antenna. This requires a separate tuner with a balun device to match. Antennas work best at heights over 30-40 feet, to boost signal strength and reduce noise. The lead-in line to the antenna is kept short as possible. There are a lot of variations. The main points are covered in the chapter on HF antennas, transmitters, and transmission lines in the *Radio Amateur's Handbook* at libraries.

All equipment is connected to the same ground, to prevent shock. RF bleeding will be minimized, and mics and tape machines will perform. A ground rod must be installed as close to the radio room as possible, measuring

at least 5 feet in length. Don't compromise with safety!

The feedline (coax) to the antenna and connectors are the lifeline of a station. Experienced operators insist on Amphenol or Bunker-Ramo connectors and use RG-213 coaxial. They say Radio Shack's RG-8 needs to be replaced every 2 or 3 years, but RG-213 lasts.

Antennas erected near power lines can kill. RF energy from a transmitter can cause severe burns if it is running rampant out of equipment. Doubtful equipment is hazardous. The careful pirate learns to operate audio controls, turntables, mics and mixers equipment competently before going on air. Tuning the antenna and other gear properly is half the battle, along with research to determine the proper available frequency.

A typical layout might include one or two turntables, a single mic, and at least one tape deck, all fed to a mixer, with headphones to monitor the outgoing "mix." Mixer output is sent to an amp, equipped with RF chokes and an audio transformer, in turn fed to the transmitter (grounded) which sends the signal through an SWR meter to the antenna. Tuning is done at low power, with high power used only for the program, then the station typically gets off the air quickly.

Pirate operators develop a whole new radio persona. If they correspond, they never use their own handwriting, and they assume that it isn't safe to tell anyone what they are doing. The operator who gets a knock on the door, does have rights. Unlicensed broadcasting is not a criminal offense in the US. The FCC is not a police agency with the power of Law. FCC Rules and Regulations categorize pirating as "administrative violations" of broadcasting rules. If an operator has not caused interference, they can't be shut down.

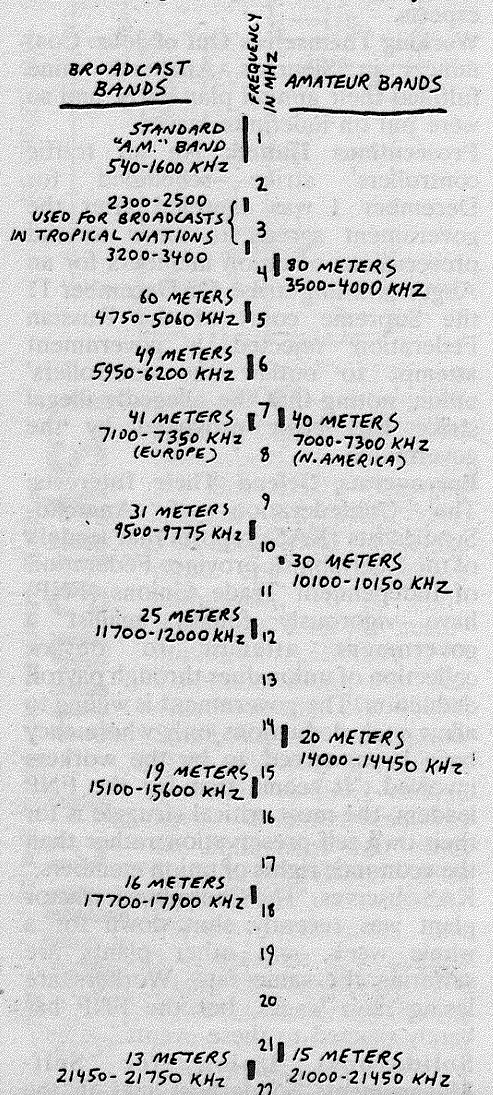
FCC officials do not have access to private homes, with these exceptions: 1) You hold an amateur radio license. The FCC can and will inspect in this case, but usually makes an appointment. 2) You are a licensed ham and operating when they arrive. 3) They have a search warrant and are accompanied by a US Marshall (standard for repeat offender cases).

Possession of radio equipment is not a crime; a warm transmitter doesn't prove anything. Agents must show identification, if asked. If they have no warrant, they can be ordered to leave private property. If a warrant is produced, the operator may ask about the reasons for their appearance. Working with a broadcast partner can be a benefit. Partners can practice their "knock on the door" scenario, relax, and not be intimidated or appear nervous. Politeness is best, and a receipt should be obtained for items seized.

The FCC may issue a Notice of Apparent Liability, usually about a week after an investigation. Their questions should be responded to in detail, but the payment of fines amounts to an admission of guilt. If FCC takes someone to court, they must prove their guilt. Operators found guilty have the option of placing the fine in an escrow account and challenging the

Constitutionality of the Communications Act of 1934. There is no need to pay a fine until all the legal appeals options are exhausted. The FCC admittedly doesn't have the resources to track down even a small fraction of the radio pirates operating in the US. This, however, hasn't stopped them from raiding suspected operators.

Pirate stations continue to sign on, whenever and wherever an energetic wage slave gets the notion. Many are



just "playing radio" and don't aspire to anything beyond a fix of adrenalin for their 15 minutes of fame. A veteran observer said recently in *The Ace*, "real intelligent programs take time and effort to produce and few pirate ops have the knowledge and patience to put them together." He also said they tend to be a typical cross section of the American public: "complacent, naive, happy with things the way they are."

Worldwide, pirate stations sound the call to revolution. The radical voice of the Intifada, Sawt Al-Quds, the Voice of Jerusalem condemns the PLO and Yassir Arafat 12 hours a day over Israeli airwaves. Abu Shadi has made more than a few people take notice, sending his signals over AM and FM bands. "Are you surprised the Israelis want us closed? They know we are a powerful medium," he said. (*Independent*).

Community based radio flourishes in South African areas where the drive to free Swaziland and Lesotho from apartheid rule is growing stronger. A full report is available from Justine Akman, AMARC, the World Assn. of Community Broadcasters (514)982-0351.

In the US, you can hear the Voice of Tomorrow on several frequencies. This happens to be a "pro-white" race proponent station operating with 2,000 watts. Pretty serious stuff as clandestine radio goes. And there are many, many more.

If you're interested in pirate operations, or just want to dX through the shortwave bands seeking out the secret transmissions, then a subscription to *The Ace* is a must. This long-time hobbyist's monthly has loggings of hundreds of broadcasts, practical operating tips, and networking information for equipment.

None of us can fight the class wars without the proper tools with which to arm the masses. Do we want this thing back? Just in case you have any doubts... the Federal Communications Act of 1934 says, "the airwaves belong to the people..."

International Notes

RUSSIA

Workers Fire Boss: The manager of St. Petersburg's Pargalovsky Plant was served with notice of dismissal Dec. 21 by the union following a lengthy conflict with the administration.

Bosses Forge Signatures: A St. Petersburg court ruled that taxi drivers' signatures on dismissal notices were so obviously forged, there is no need to waste time bringing in handwriting experts.

Working Themselves Out of Jobs: Coal miners in Siberia's Anzhersk mine fulfilled their annual plan early, and so were put on indefinite leave.

Prosecutions Halted: An air traffic controllers' strike scheduled for December 1 was canceled after the government agreed to move to end prosecutions of union members for an August warning strike. On December 11 the Supreme court of the Russian Federation rejected a government attempt to outlaw the controllers' union, noting that the allegedly illegal strike had been provoked by the government.

Bureaucrats Defend Their Interests: The Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists (KAS) reports that leaders of the Chelyabinsk province Federation of Independent Trade Unions (FNP) have vigorously fought against a government attempt to outlaw collection of union dues through payroll deduction. The government is willing to allow such deductions only where they have been agreed to by the workers involved. "It seems that for the FNP leaders, the most critical struggle is for their own self-preservation rather than the economic rights of union members," KAS observes. "The Chelyabinsk tractor plant was recently shut down for a whole week, and other plants are suffering the same fate. Workers are losing their wages, but the FNP has barely reacted to these events."

Solidarnost Union for Self-Management: Solidarnost met in the city of Konigsberg December 5-6, in a conference attended by union members from Konigsberg, Moscow and Lithuania; by local anarchists; and by representatives of the Association of Socialist-Populists from Moscow. The conference adopted a draft program for the union calling for resistance to the nomenclature, and refusal to vote or participate in meetings devoted to privatization. The union's main principle is to seek the transfer of the means of production to the producers in order to end social parasitism.

U.S. Firm Buys Factory: On Dec. 9 a conference of unionists at the Dukat tobacco factory in Moscow decided to join the SOTSPROF union federation. The union declared a state of pre-strike readiness following the dismissal of the plant manager, who had refused to sign documents transferring the factory property to the American company Brook, which specializes in real estate deals. The workers are demanding that the manager be reinstated and that relations with Brook be broken off. Brook has already taken over 2 residential buildings owned by the factory, and intend to take possession of all the factory's premises in central Moscow.

KSPR Interview

Following the congress of KSPR (Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Russia), the KAS-KOR Bulletin interviewed KSPR Chairperson Alexander Alekseev.

Q. What is the KSPR? How does it differ from other trade unions?

A. The KSPR was set up as a union of employees like other trade unions. In 1990 we refused to enter a bloc with other union organizations because that would have meant subordinating ourselves to Soviet laws contradicting international law. We insist that neither the state, nor civic organizations, nor political parties should interfere in trade union affairs. Our charter bars leaders of political parties from belonging to the Coordinating Council of the union. We intend to ban any mention of the KSPR in the election programs of deputies in order not to be involved in political activity. We refused

to enter the tripartite commission, since there is no real social partnership in it. The commission provides cover for implementation by the state of economic reforms which do not reflect the people's interests. The FNPR intends to organize a Congress of Democratic Left Forces at the expense of its members. We are opposed to this. Workers should not finance any party.

Q. Can we say, then, that you aren't involved in politics at all?
A. The state is the monopoly employer, so we use both economic and political methods in our struggle with it. Our local organizations oppose the state as an employer, and our struggle with it is of a political nature.

Q. How big is your organization?
A. We don't have an exact figure, but according to the membership dues we receive, we have about 40-50 thousand members.

Q. Can you say something about the results of the congress?

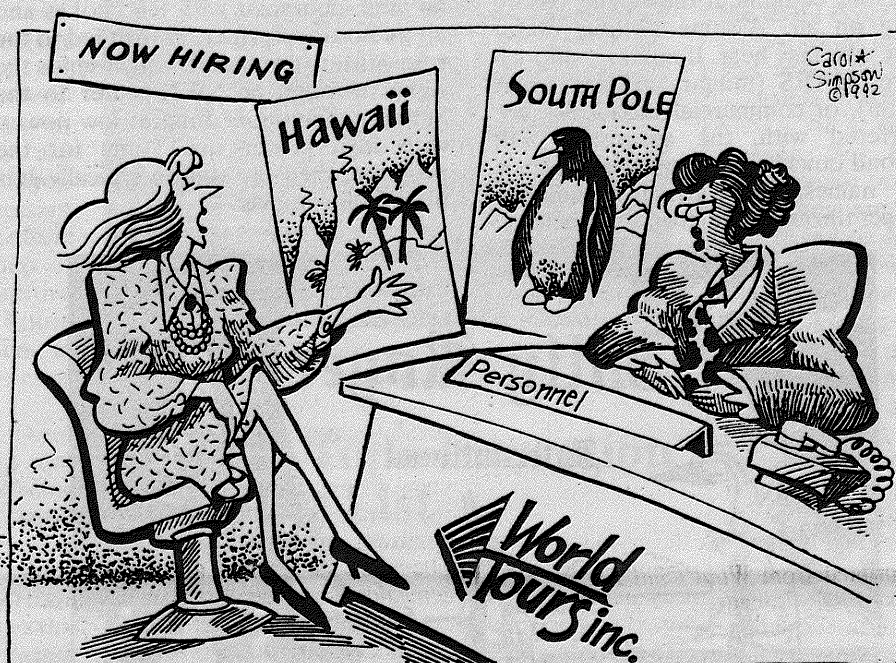
A. We achieved our main aim -- we adopted the charter, though there are probably some contentious points in it.

For example, we took a decision on coordinating strike action. In certain respects this is not entirely democratic, but because our small organizations are under heavy pressure, we nevertheless adopted this point. We decided that we shouldn't have set up a union if we can't defend our members..

South America &

Caribbean Poverty Increase: A report by the Inter-American Regional Workers Organization (ORIT) says most governments in Latin America and the Caribbean have failed to "fulfil their social obligations," and predicts that by the end of the decade, more than 300 million people in both regions will live in poverty. 183 million of Latin America's 450 million people already live below the poverty line.

The ORIT report harshly criticizes inept governments and charges that neo-liberal economic policies have served to strengthen privileged elites at the expense of the social well-being of the majority. Economic policies imposed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund "are creating more poverty, not only in developing nations but also in industrialized countries," ORIT concludes.



"I have considerable experience in the field of international travel. My first job moved to Thailand, my next one moved to Mexico, and my last one to South Africa..."

Refusing the Bosses' Wars From Yugoslavia to the USA

As nationalist gangs terrorize residents of the former Yugoslavia, Croatian and Serbian draftees are refusing to fight. The largest refusal came in Kragujevac, a town with strong military connections, where 6,700 reservists reported for duty without their weapons. They locked themselves in the military camp, refusing to go. In Valjevo, 200 reservists returned from the front last November and sat in in front of district government offices until the commander signed a military roster saying they had completed their duties and were discharged.

On the front at Markutsica, 700 reservists refused to soldier after completing their 45 days Dec. 18. A general ordered their officers arrested, but backed down when troops prepared to fire on him. 2 weeks later, 150 Belgrade reservists were permitted to return home after a 3-day hunger strike, at the end of their 45 days.

But military authorities have been far less tolerant with individuals who acted alone to refuse. What we cannot accomplish alone can often be won with the solidarity of our fellow workers -- against the military, as in the class war.

Meanwhile, in the USA young men are still required to register for the draft on turning 18. While the government has not prosecuted non-registrants for several years now, despite widespread refusal, it does deny education and job-training to non-registrants. "Democratic" president Clinton proposes to replace all federally funded student aid with a program requiring all students to do "national service" in order to qualify for student loans or grants.

Many US war resisters remain in prison, including Robert Pete -- one of more than 50 mostly Black Louisiana National Guard members who held meetings in Feb. '91 to protest poor training, shoddy equipment, and command-sanctioned racism. About the same time, a group of 67 white Louisiana Guard members left their base (struck) to protest inadequate medical care, training, equipment and leave policies.

The white Guard members received lenient, non-judicial treatment after returning to base. But 28 Black Guardsmen were arrested, and 3 "ring-leaders" charged with mutiny, later reduced to "unlawfully organizing a strike." The one defendant represented by a civilian defense attorney was convicted but received no prison time; a second was sentenced to one year in prison and dishonorable discharge. Robert Pete was represented by a military lawyer who had never tried a general court-martial before. Pete was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and 6 years imprisonment.

Thus, FW Pete will be imprisoned for another 4 years for organizing a strike (though it is not clear that the Guardsmen actually did strike). Concerned FWs are urged to write Robert Pete at: Drawer A, USDB, Ft. Leavenworth KS 66027-7140. (Source: Draft Notices, newsletter of Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft, Box 15195 San Diego CA 92175). Having refused to sign up with Selective Slavery when "my" government issued the call, I urge Industrial Worker readers to lend their support. JB

Hong Kong Airline Strike: The Cathay Pacific Airline Flight Attendants' Union (FAU) has been on strike since January 13. Management has been slashing staffing levels for years even though the airline is one of the world's most profitable. The result has been increasing overtime and extra duties. The 3,500-member FAU decided to refuse to work extra duties, to force management to address the problem. As a result, 3 flight attendants were dismissed December 27th. The FAU then struck when management refused to reinstate the workers.

The union put forward 3 demands: Reinstatement of the three dismissed attendants; Increased staff ratios in order to reduce overtime for flight attendants; and review of salary and benefits. Management agreed to discuss the demands, but then threatened to fire strike leaders for failure to report for duty. The union decided to stay on strike until assurances were given that no penalties would be imposed on union members who took part.

2,000 strikers and supporters in a round-the-clock sit-in at Government House were evicted by police Jan. 25. Hong Kong unions believe the outcome of this strike has important implications for the coming decade, in light of the transfer to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Paraguay Hunger Strike: Several union leaders have been on hunger strike since January 15. The unionists, who include Victor Baez Mosqueira, head of the CUT, are protesting continued enforcement of a law inherited from the Stroessner dictatorship, which allows the government to decide on the legality of strikes. Last year, all strikes were declared illegal.

Indonesian Nike Strikers Face Firing: Twenty-two workers at an Indonesian shoe factory have been suspended and could face permanent dismissal. "They are among 60 workers charged with organizing the strike last September at the former PT Sung Hwa Dunia," said Apang Herlina of the Jakarta Legal Aid Institute. The company, now called PT Eltri Indo Footware, is a joint Indonesian-South Korean company producing Nike sports shoes. The workers are charged with "belonging to an organization not recognized by the government" and participating in clandestine meetings to organize the strike.



Chad: 40,000 & Counting

by Gregory Farnum

On May 20 a commission reported that from 1982-90 some 40,000 Chadians died at the hands of the Directorate of Documentation and Security (DDS). Mass graves near the capital, N'Djamena, revealed 150 bodies allegedly massacred by security agents. This is potentially embarrassing since the US backed Chad's leader at the time, Hissene Habre, with money, weapons, and diplomatic support.

Reagan and Bush backed Habre as a hedge against Libyan expansion. In Dec. '90, Idriss Deby overthrew Habre and promised elections and trials for human rights abusers.

But the report also implied the same methods are now being used by Deby's security agency, an outfit with the Orwellian name of "Center for Research and Coordination of Information (CRCR)." The report calls for removal of former DDS agents from the CRCR, to keep the new agency from being "an instrument of oppression and torture."

Commission members are aware of the risk they take with the report. On Feb 16/92 Joseph Bhidi, vice pres. of the Chadian League of the Rights of Man was assassinated in N'Djamena.

An Angry Message to Anarchist Men

So they say a womyn's work is never done, and here I am writing an article that a man should be writing, and I'm starting to believe it.

Wimmin have been looked over, talked over, pushed back, laughed at, been shut up, beaten up, used, abused, and raped, all by our "brothers" self titled anarchist men and proclaimed revolutionaries. All the anti-sexist men quick to jump on someone else's sexist remark when around an anarchist crowd, but will let it slide when around his not so "PC" friends. The men who vocalize their aggression against rapists, but when THEIR lovers say no, coercion is simple, and it's not rape, because he's ANTI-SEXIST. There are men who use anti-sexist talk to pick up wimmin. The men who challenge others to call them on their shit and when someone does, on goes the defense mode and he's appalled that someone could say HE was fucking up, instead of actually thinking about the situation and to start working on it.

We already know all men are sexist, just as all white people are racist because of our society, white people still having privilege over people of colour and men still having privilege over wimmin, and once born into this process its incredibly hard to break it, especially when you forget to look at yourself or are too blind to admit it does exist in yourself.

Once men slap "revolutionary" on themselves, they think they are no longer a part of the problem, which they are.

As always before and now, sexism is being laid out in an order of importance, made by who? Its like "first we'll fight racism, cos we already know how to beat up nazis, then maybe we'll think about sexism, capitalism, or homophobia, whichever least affects our privilege. After that if there's time, and no more beer, we can read about species-ism, ageism or ableism. If we're really cool we'll learn a little about it all to improve our social skills for the next gathering.

Whatever happened to fucking equality? How did some isms become more important than others you ask? Its called

"How to be cool in the political scene, and keep as much privilege as possible" (look for it at your local corporate bookstore).

It's sad when it comes to the point where we don't want to think of anyone but ourselves or the PC status quo. Which brings me back to the conclusion of all these "feminist" men, who care so dearly about wimmin (or at least fucking them), until it affects their privilege, they care. Which I challenge SELF-PROCLAIMED anti-sexist men to really think about, how far the words they speak so well, maybe go and try asking your best friend or lover just how anti-sexist you are.

Has this article offended you yet? Do you use your knowledge of others oppression to make a change or to just make a good impression. Do you feel challenged when a womyn speaks? Ever feel bothered when a womyn asks you to confront sexist bullshit? Well fuck you, you chose the term revolutionary for yourself not me.

Unless we can start seeing ourselves as the problem, and until we can actually start talking and listening to each other about our problems and work on them, revolutionary change will always remain a distant dream.

So the last question being, how many articles does it take until men start working on their shit? Aren't you tired of hearing and reading about it (if they even took the time)?

Maybe Smith and Wesson do a better job??

At least stop considering yourselves revolutionaries, you're not my comrade.

Molly Tov

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Fear of Freedom Divides Society

Though we only know a bit about patriarchy and about certain patriarchal societies from historically factual materials (as opposed to retrospective daydreams), one thing is sure, namely, that patriarchy as a ruling system could only be established after a long and bloody struggle. The proof can be found in European history, in the classic legends and stone tablets depicting the Amazons, in the witch hunts, and also in the ethic of Rousseau and the Napoleonic Code. Yet even after the temporary total defeat of the female gender, over and over again groups of women rose up against what was thought of as their "natural destiny."

In the 16th and 17th centuries, for instance, numerous groups of women fought for lives which were independent of men. They survived in various ways: as

craftswomen, migrant laborers, midwives, or even swindlers. These women refused to be reduced to the role of "reproducer." Rather they were noisy, insolent, rebellious, and were actively involved in developing political sects and rebellious movements. They formed a feisty revolutionary potential, and were thus a threat to both the secular and spiritual posers.

The witch hunts which accompanied the consolidation of the state were developed as an instrument to suppress these potential and sometimes acute uprisings of rebellious wives. After the murder of what's estimated to be between 9 and 30 million women in less than two centuries, the majority of the survivors and descendants were intimidated to such an extent that they subjected themselves to what had become a common patriarchal society. Although all women were not accused, tortured, or killed, the effect was the same. In an atmosphere in which any woman is a potential witch, behavior which may help to avert the suspicion of oneself is quickly developed.

The middle class revolution of the next century liquidated what was left of female rebellion. The beheading of Marie Antoinette can be looked upon in this light. The infamous Marie was decapitated not only because she was queen but also as a symbol of the "immorality" of the old society. Long before her death, male revolutionaries had started a campaign in which the queen was portrayed as the personification of decadence: nymphomaniac, lesbian, adulteress, power crazed. Last but not least, she was accused of keeping contact with poisoners and witches. The ordinary run of middle class women went along with this sexist garbage to the point where they wanted the queen's head even before that of the king.

Because of their ability to bear children, they were entrusted socially with the task of child rearing and reproduction as a whole. This became a burden which curtailed their social and political influence. Many theorists, including some feminists, attribute this gender role to "natural" biological determinism. These theories, however, ignore the fact that, rather than being unchangeable, both reproductive and social work were formed and have evolved over time.

An example is the historical development of childrearing. Until long into the 18th century, children were not "raised." Instead, they were fed and grew up in their mother's family or social group. Babies

were put in carrying boxes so that they could be laid down somewhere during work—whether in the fields, the stable, the workroom, the forage-wagons, or on the barrow of the traveling market-woman. Unwanted babies were often killed or given to a midwife to raise until they were no longer a hindrance. So-called mother love, in the way we know it today, is a middle class invention. Reproductive work didn't always mean what it means today—that the "housewife" has to handle it all herself.

This reduction of women's role to that of child rearer did not take place for the greater number of women. Women participated in trade, in agriculture, in the factories. Women were always present—in some periods so much so that their position was challenged by their male

contemporaries. Examples can be found in the struggles of craft guild women, midwives, beer-brewing women and others. In the 19th century, the developing German workers' movement collaborated with reactionary tailors to bring the women-controlled trade of tailoring into the hands of men.

The fact is that women are required to do not only reproductive

work, but productive work as well. In reality they are doubly burdened, while in society's eyes they're not seen as doing any work at all. Patriarchal theory and social politics have systematically worked on making the woman invisible, by excluding her from daily life where it was impossible to ignore her. This invisibility was propagated for so long that she herself began to doubt her existence, began to see herself as merely an appendage to a man.

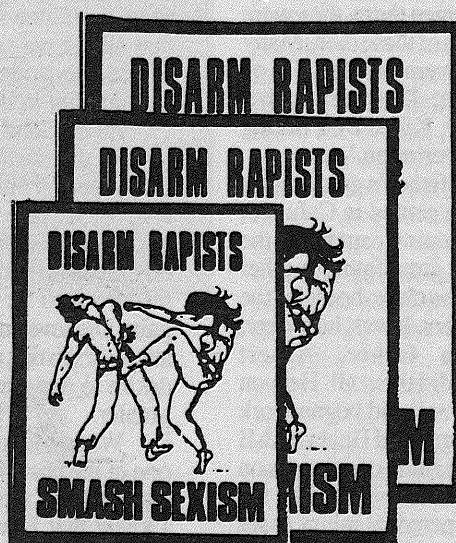
Women's experience has consequences not just for their social existence as a whole but for their sexuality and views of sexuality. Society needs to be organized differently to address this situation, women need to be given more power to complement the biological vulnerability of childbirth and reproduction.

There have been times when women were capable of redressing this imbalance. From the beginning of history women developed methods of birth control which allowed them to regulate their fertility and uncouple their sexuality from the dictates of reproduction. In other words, sexuality could become a pleasurable experience.

By the time of the transition from patriarchal society to the patriarchy, a large part of the female population had already been deprived of these contraceptive skills and only a few specialists could offer them help. This is why midwives and so-called wise women were the first to be criminalized in the witch hunts. Women had to be deprived of their ability to control their own fertility, so that they would be at the mercy of men.

Hereafter heterosexual women could only control their fertility by mutilating themselves: by totally giving up their sexuality, by submitting to barbarous and often murderous abortion practices, and by acquiring the ideology of female asexuality or frigidity and, even, internalizing it.

The decent middle class female was unacquainted with feelings of pleasure. Her body was an instrument of men and for reproduction. The price a man had (theoretically) to pay for this satisfaction was either taking care of one legally inferior woman for life or paying by the hour



remember Montreal, where 14 wimmin in an engineering school were shot by a man who claimed "feminists ruined his life."

remember the U.S.A., where a womyn is raped every 3 minutes.

remember all the wimmin who live each day in fear

remember Jane, a collective that performed over 11,000 safe underground abortions

remember W.A.S.P., Women Armed for Self Protection, who defended themselves when the police wouldn't

remember all the wimmin who have said "No!"

I will remember

I will never forget

I will fight back



WHY I BECAME A WOBBLY

A Feminist Perspective

by Anne Petermann

The background of my life that caused me to feel the need to become a Wobbly, even with very little knowledge of IWW history, began with the first memorable glimpse I got into my father's family history. This was when we all went to visit the family stumping grounds on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We stayed in my Great-Grandfather's cabin on Gratiot lake in the summer of 1989.

The region teems with history and scandal. We visited old abandoned copper mines and the once booming but now ghost-ridden towns surrounding them. Each town had a graveyard. Upon reading the gravestones it became apparent that the mines were not only the largest employers of young men there, they were also the largest killers of these men. Many of the gravestones were similar. They read 'Jack Richards; Died September 24th, 1903; Aged 19; Killed by a falling rock in the West River mine.'

When my grandfather's grandfather moved to the area he settled in Calumet and worked as the mining captain of the Osceola mines. My grandfather's other grandfather was a surface boss in the mines for over 50 years. It was, however, my grandfather's father, Albert Petermann, who outdid them all. He won a scholarship to Cornell and began work as a lawyer for Calumet and Hecla (C&H), one of the largest mining companies on the Upper Peninsula. He worked in the courtroom fighting personal injury cases that miners brought against the company. He was very good at it and prevented numerous injured workers and killed worker's families from collecting compensation. He was so good, in fact that he was eventually made the President of C&H.

In 1913, the IWW called a strike against all of the mines in the Copper Country. As my grandfather tells the story "This was a very bloody and brutal strike. There were 37 murders, not all by the strikers." (Wobbly history makes me question whether any of the murders were by the strikers) "Some of the companies hired professional strike breakers but C&H did not participate. Feelings ran very high and the merchants and others sympathetic to the companies formed the Citizen's Alliance."

During the strike, Albert was the strategist for the company. The National Guard camped out in his front yard.

My Grandfather continues the story... "Toward the end a tragedy occurred. The strikers had a big party on Christmas Eve in the Italian Hall which was on the second floor of a building on 7th Street. Apparently someone yelled "fire!" and the place panicked. The stairs were straight and steep and the door at the bottom opened inward. The crush was so great that the door could not be opened and at least seventy people were killed, many of them children. The Union, of course, claimed that the companies had hired someone to do the dirty work". (But, of course, companies would never do anything like that.) "In spite of a Grand Jury investigation and a hearing before a committee of the US Senate, no one was ever found who could be accused."

The most probable explanation (i.e., the company line) was that someone fainted and someone else called for water in a foreign language. There were many nationalities present and the word "water" in one of them sounded like the word "fire" in another."

"The town was shocked, of course, and a drive raised about seventy thousand dollars for the families of the dead. The leader of the strike was a man named Moyer and he refused to let anyone take any of the money, calling it 'bloody

money'. A group of people grabbed Moyer at the Scott Hotel in Hancock, marched him across the bridge and put him on the train out of town telling him that if he came back they would hang him from the bridge."

It turns out that this 'group of people' who ran Moyer out of town were friends of Albert and his Company. Albert had gone to meet with Moyer to try to persuade him to let the people take the money. They argued for a long time while the men downstairs discussed what to do if Moyer refused. When he emerged from Moyer's room he informed the gang of Moyer's firm stance. With that, the gang went up and grabbed him. At the Senatorial Committee hearing Moyer testified that all the way along the forced march across the bridge, the men took turns kicking him in the ass.

As a radical feminist, I work to dismantle the system that allows a small elite group of white men to rule the world. I strive to take down the system that allows these men to treat all people and other beings that they deem to be lesser as resources to be exploited for personal gain. Discovering the connection of my ancestors to this elite group has made my desire to depose the bastards that much greater.

When I found myself in the home of one of the past GST's of the IWW listening to a lot of the history of the struggles, I knew that I must join this Union that Albert, my Great-Grandfather, loathed, to avenge the workers who toiled in his mines; to avenge the seventy people for whose deaths he was at least in part responsible; to avenge the widows and mothers and fathers and siblings who lost loved ones in the hell-holes; to avenge the 37 people murdered during the strike; and to avenge the earth herself, violently and incessantly raped for the pleasures of these elite men. The raping of the earth is a feminist issue.

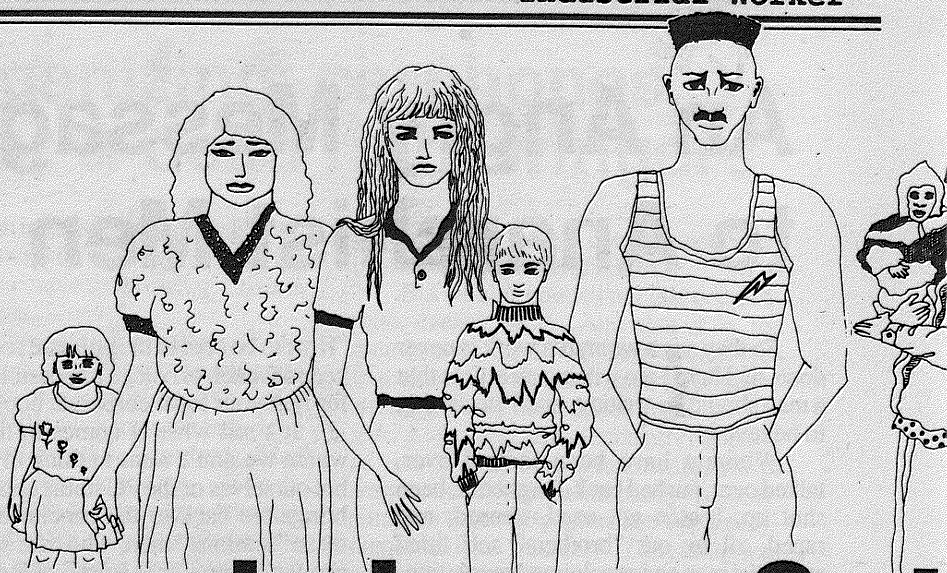
In A.D. 48, the Roman compiler Pliny explains the feminization of nature and her violation due to mining:

"We trace out all the veins of the earth, and yet...are astonished that it should occasionally cleave asunder or tremble: as though, forsooth, these signs could be any other than expressions of the indignation felt by our sacred parent! We penetrate into her entrails, and seek for treasures... as though each spot we tread upon were not sufficiently bounteous and fertile for us! ... It is what is concealed from our view, what is sunk far beneath her surface, objects in, fact, of no rapid formation, that urge us to our ruin, that send us to the very depths of hell...when will be the end of thus exhausting the earth, and to what point will avarice finally penetrate!"

The poet Edmond Spenser described it in 1595: "Then gan a cursed hand the quiet wombe Of his great Grandmother with Steele to wound, And the hid treasures in her sacred tombe With sacrilege to dig."

The exploitation of workers is a feminist issue that goes hand in hand with the decimation of the earth. The men who live in the mining regions go to work in them because there is no other work. They violate the earth for the benefit of the elite. Ore is extracted from the earth's womb and is then used to create more implements of destruction and exploitation. The exploitation of workers is an environmental issue and the devastation of the earth is a labor issue. These concepts are simply described in the phrase 'An Injury to One is an Injury to All', but it must be remembered that this phrase includes injury to the earth.

WE NEVER SLEEP
WE NEVER FORGET



on labor & t social move

The following excerpts refer to "New Times" which is an argument by people at the Communist Party of Great Britain's magazine *Marxism Today* that a politics of class solidarity is for the past and now we should look to a politics of identity in working for social change. The author calls "New Times a mirror image of Thatcherism passing for socialism."

How should labor relate to the race-, sex-, gender-, based social movements? On what terms? What is so profoundly socialist about these new forces is that they raise issues about the quality of life (human worth, dignity, genuine equality, the enlargement of the self) by virtue of their experiences as women, blacks, gays, etc., which the working class movement has not just lost sight of but turned its face against.

But if these issues are fought in terms of the specific, particularistic oppressions of women qua women, blacks qua blacks and so on, without being opened out to and informed by other oppressions, they lose their claim to that universality which was their particular contribution to socialism in the first place. And they, further, fall into the error of a new sectarianism — as between blacks and women, Asians versus Afro-Caribbeans, gays versus blacks, and so on — Which pulls rank, this time, on the basis not of belief but of suffering: not who is the true believer but who is the most oppressed. Which then sets out the basis on which demands are made for more equal opportunities for greater and more compound oppressions in terms of quotas and proportions and that type of numbers game.

That is not to say that there should be no attempt to redress the balance of racial sexual and gender discrimination, but that these solutions deal not with the politics of discrimination but its arithmetic — giving more weightage to women here and blacks there, and so arrange the distribution of inequality as not to alter the structures of inequality themselves. In the process, these new social movements tend to replace one sort of sectarianism with another and one sort of sectional interest for another, when their native thrust and genius were against sectarianism and for a plurality of interests.

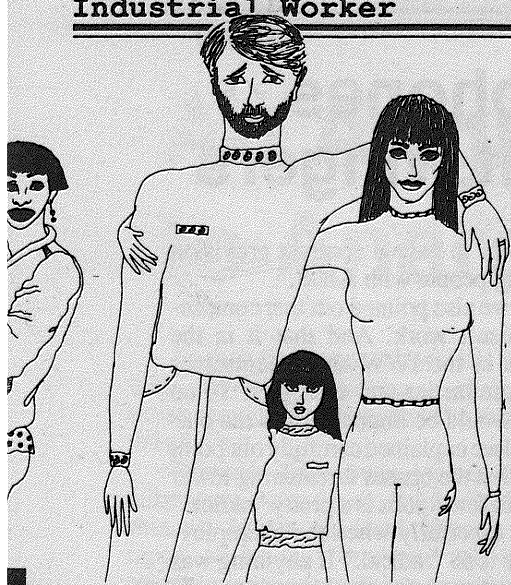
Equally, what is inherently socialist about the issue-based new social forces such as the green and peace movements is the larger questions they raise about the quality of the environs we live in or whether we live at all. But to the extent that the green movement is concerned more, say, with the environmental pollution of the Western world than with the ecological devastation of the Third World caused by Western capitalism, its focus becomes blinkered and narrow and its

programs partial and susceptible to capitalist overtures. Or, to come at it from the opposite direction, it is precisely because the green movement overlooks the centrality of capitalism and imperialism in the despoliation of the planet that it overlooks also the narrowness of its campaigns (the US Greens attack 'addictive consumerism' while ignoring the inability of whole sections of the population to consume at all) and the limitation of its vision (the German Greens boast that their movement is 'neither to the right nor to the left but in front'). And for that self-same reason it fails, too, in its claim to connect the global and the local, the collective and the individual — and therein fails its own trust and promise.

There are simple, basic connections to be made here within and between the various movements. They are connections which are organic to socialism, but they can only develop if the new social movements open themselves out to the larger social issues and to each other; move out in a centrifugal fashion without losing sight of the centripetal — move out, that is, form their particularities to the whole and back again to themselves, enriching both, in an unending traffic of ideas, struggles and commitments; weave the specific and the universal into a holistic pattern of socialism which, so far from failing the parts, continues to be informed by them.

The touchstone of any issue-based or identity-based politics has to be the lowest common denominators in our society. A women's movement that does not derive its politics from the needs, freedoms, rights of the most disadvantaged among them is by that very token reformist and elitist. Conversely, a politics that is based on women qua women is inward-looking and narrow and nationalist, and above all, failing of its own experience. So, too, the blacks or gays or whoever. So, too, are the green and peace movements Eurocentric and elitist that do not derive their politics from the most ecologically devastated and war-ravaged parts of the world. Class cannot just be a matter for identity. It has to be the focus of commitment.

But even if, as the new Marxists have it, class is only one of a subject's many identities, it is still his or her class identity surely that makes a person socialist or otherwise. What makes for that identity may be an individual's direct experience of hardship, or it may stem from one's capacity to see in one's own oppression or oppressions as a woman, a black, a black gay, etc., the oppression of others, or it may derive quite simply from 'the truth of one's imagination'. But unless it informs and underlines the subject's other identities, the politics of identity becomes a narrow, sterile, self-seeking exercise. You don't have to live in pov-



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erty and squalor to be a socialist but the capacity to identify yourself with those who do helps. By the same token, the 'politics of pleasure', which the new Marxists warn us we must not knock, could hardly be one of socialism's priorities – nor the pursuit of personal gain its morality. Class, even as a metaphor, is still the measure of a socialist conscience.

What New Times represents, in sum is a shift in focus from economic determinism to cultural determinism, from changing the world to changing the word, from class in and for itself to the individual in and for himself or herself. Use value has ceded to exchange value, need to choice, community to i-dentity, anti-imperialism to international humanism. And the self that New Times makes so much play about is a small selfish inward-looking self that finds pride in lifestyle, exuberance in consumption and commitment in pleasure – and then elevates them all into a politics of this and that, positioning itself this way and that way (with every position a politics and every politics a position) into a 'miscellany of movements and organizations' stretching from hobbies and pleasure to services.

All the gains of the period of industrial capitalism were the creative outcome of social contradictions – the heart of dialectical materialism. The welfare state was its apotheosis.

These contradictions are not as eloquent any more. The 'service class' of the post-industrial society which has displaced the working class of industrial society does not contest Capital but is accommodating of it and secretes a culture of accommodation a petit-bourgeois culture. Where once the tension between the bourgeoisie and the working class produced freedom and culture, the lack of tension, of hostility, of 'class hatred' even, produces a petit-bourgeois culture and petit-bourgeois values.

But there are still the values and traditions that have come down to us from the working-class movement: loyalty, comradeship, generosity, a sense of community and a feel for internationalism, an understanding that unity has to be forged and reforged again and again and, above all a capacity for making other people's fights one's own – all the great and simple things that make us human.

excerpted from the essay "All that Melts into Air is Solid: The Hokum of New Times" which appears in the Verso book *Communities of Resistance: writings on black struggles for socialism* by A. Sivanandan, who is director of the Institute of Race Relations in London and editor of the quarterly journal *Race and Class*. © A. Sivanandan 1990



War On the Poor

Somehow it never really seemed possible that I could go through so many hard times and end up financially dependent on an abusive man. Working steadily since I was fifteen did not prepare me to be a mother, or to financially support my children. The only way out for me was a domestic violence shelter.

Finding housing was difficult, even with the income of another shelter client thrown in. Most landlords discriminate against ADC clients and I was "homeless" for a while. It has been a constant struggle to make ends meet on welfare, and I deeply resent Quayle, Bush and Engler's attacks on our character. It is easy for them to try and keep us down. But I'm not about to let some heartless and morally bankrupt leaders destroy my self-confidence. I've struggled to get to where I am at, and I will continue to struggle against those in this country who profit from the misery of others.

No one stands ready to challenge corporate America and the wealth that is concentrated and owned by just a few people. The middle class is conned into believing that welfare type spending is responsible for the economic crisis, as they themselves remain about a paycheck or two from the streets. Increases in technology are threatening their jobs, their security, their homes too.

The ever increasing number of people who need welfare is a result of the economic system not needing people to work. It's not that we "won't work," it's that the jobs aren't there, and when they are, they're at McDonalds. Who can support their families on minimum wage, no benefits jobs? A (single) parent must pay for childcare, transportation, clothing, food, health insurance, and on and on. Under \$200, a week income just doesn't get it!

The economic order of the day is part-time jobs, low-pay, no health insurance or job security, and a cheese burger to go please. As more and more people find themselves underemployed or lose their jobs, their housing, and often their children, the so called "safety net" is being ripped apart. Why do most people believe that "welfare" is responsible for the economic crisis? Because there is a war on the poor. If the present government and their corporate allies can successfully blame the victims of poverty for their lot in life then they won't have to respond to the suffering of the people.

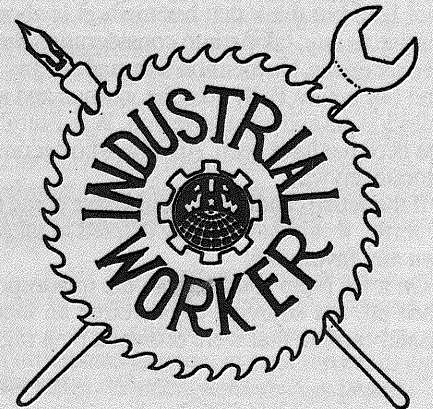
The victims of racial and economic injustices must fight back and demand that the system become one that is "for the people, by the people." Wealthy political candidates and their business buddies, whether Republican or Democrat, cannot represent my interests. Many Democrats also blame the victims of poverty for their poverty. Bush and Clinton are pretty much saying the same things about welfare. The attack on welfare rights is an attack on the unemployed and poor also. The media portrays poverty in a way that makes us appear to be solely responsible for our own suffering.

Michigan Governor Engler has successfully dismantled General Assistance, cut the Emergency Needs Program, cut back Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) funding, and ripped apart programs that help us overcome the ravages of poverty. My own shelter stay was one of the last funded by the Emergency Needs Program. I don't know where my kids and I would be if it weren't for this help. How are people going to survive? How are we going to provide for our children, when society offers us little hope of pulling ourselves up and out of

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poverty? Presently, there are no jobs and virtually no social programs. Meanwhile, people are downgraded to sub-human status, destroying their self-esteem and ultimately, their ability to overcome and stand up for their rights.

This war on the poor must stop! If our political leaders won't treat us with dignity or give us our rights, we must demand those rights for ourselves. Our children's future is no less important than any other children's future. The victims of poverty must fight back! We must organize ourselves to resist attacks on our rights. We need to create our own organizations and speak for ourselves rather than depend on liberal politicians who seem to get less liberal with the passing of each day.

If you are on welfare, join a Welfare Rights group. If you live in government subsidized housing, start your own tenants union. Poor people must come together to form organizations that can fight for their rights.

The tent city movement did this. When governor Engler cut G.A. in October of 1991, tent cities started popping up all around Michigan. They publicized the plight of the homeless and the lack of low-income housing. When the newspapers in Detroit ignored the problem, people like you and me went and sat in at the Detroit News and demanded that they pay attention. These people and organizations would not allow the issue of homelessness and poverty to be swept under the rug. They demanded that the media and the public pay attention to the problem.

You don't need an education to do this, just courage. We must unite together and create organizations that give us a voice and power. Whether it's Homeless Unions, Worker Unions, Tenant Rights Unions or Welfare Rights Organizations, we must begin to work together.

I'm a poor single parent on welfare, and I'm as good as anyone else in this country. I won't be shamed into silence. Although I attend college to better myself and my family, I also make time to fight for a better life for my neighbors, near and far. And by the way, Dan Quayle, my family is fine, no thanks to you and your neighbors.

update: Since the writing of this article, President Clinton has appointed Michigan GOP Governor John Engler to his welfare reform committee. Engler is well known for slashing the welfare budget since he took office in 1991. It is becoming increasingly clear that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans are going to look out for the survival of the working poor and poor people.

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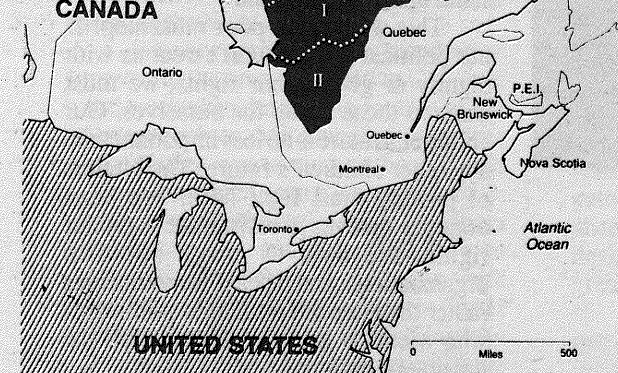
Some farmer in Plainview, Minnesota owns a most remarkable cow named Polly. Polly, it seems, is possessed of an unusual talent, that of predicting who shall be the winner of a presidential election. She has been on target on every presidential election since 1972. It seems her method of prediction is relieving herself upon the photograph of whomsoever will be the winner. The day before the election Polly selected the winner after ten photos each of Clinton, Bush and Perot were spread out on a shopping mall parking lot.

While it did not specify the manner in which Polly relieved herself, your scribe cannot help but think that her method is about as logical a manner of selecting chief executive as any, taking into consideration the integrity of those whom seek to become chief executives. No mention was made of any photographs of minority candidates being spread out before Polly like the various and sundry splintered socialists, communists, prohibitionists and what have you. Was Polly's owner afraid of taking any chances? He or she need not have been. Anyone who becomes a chief executive is not beholden to the electorate anyway.

If the actual candidates would have come to the shopping mall parking lot in person, your scribe would have gladly offered to take over Polly's task and he would have not shown any favoritism!

On a far more somber note the quadrupeds of the James Bay region of Northern Canada are not enjoying the carefree an indolent life that Polly enjoys. Namely ten thousand caribou that were drowned by a raging torrent of water from one of the new dams built by Hydro-Quebec, the giant electric utility, which claims that this ecological disaster was an "act of God."

In essence, Hydro-Quebec has set itself up as God and is playing God to the hilt. One of Canada's own investigating agencies has determined that the principal cause of the drownings was the release of water from Hydro-Quebec's Caniapiscau Reservoir which has already wiped out a primary calving ground of the continent's largest caribou herd. This caribou herd must now contend with rivers that



flow backward, raging with deadly swiftness. Hydro-Quebec has already flooded a four thousand square mile swath of northern Canadian forestland under Phase One of its James Bay master plan. But that is only the beginning. Phase Two which at present is being contemplated is a construction project so monumental it will be visible from outer space, and the entire James Bay hydroelectric project shall cause environmental disaster never before witnessed in North America.

More than six hundred dams and dikes will block nineteen large rivers and bring irreversible damage to a watershed area the size of Germany. A pristine wilderness of six thousand square miles will be flooded forever. This shall obliterate a fragile food chain that feeds also the polar bear, the freshwater seal and the sow goose, not to mention the indigenous peoples who have lived there for thousands of years.

Leave it up capitalism and the only animal life existing shall be that which is nurtured in zoos under hothouse conditions. As for the indigenous peoples, the parasites on top will be only too happy to wipe out the original collectivists lest they give dangerous ideas to the rest of humanity. In an appeal to the general public of this continent Chief Matthew Coon-Come of the Grand Council of the Quebec Crees says how his people have lived in Northern Canada for thousands of years without leaving a trace that they have occupied the James Bay region. That is because whatever they have taken from the Land they have always returned to the Land. These are some of the people who for thousands of years have been practicing ecology and the classless society before their "civilizers" even had words for those concepts.

The Grand Council of the Quebec Cree along with the Natural Resources Defense

Council are appealing to the public to write letters of protest to the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC and to the chairman of Hydro-Quebec in Montreal to stop any further work on this project that will only bring environmental disaster to the entire continent.

There are those who might justifiably surmise that such letter writing may at best be an exercise in futility be some sort of awareness has to

be raised over this dire matter. It is indeed a shame that in the time frame of a couple of centuries that a whole continent in being laid to waste but such is the result of a society where the decision-making is in the hands of a handful of profiteers.

For a final note of irony another Minnesotan had filed a petition to a school district near Minneapolis urging them to ban the Bible from public schools on the grounds of obscenity. Backing up his case, he cited twenty pages that gave graphic references to explicit sex, incest, child abuse, scatological, promiscuity, concubinage and the mistreatment of women. Your scribe was once given a sheet of chapters and verses that can be looked up in the Old Testicle where indeed all these goodies can be found and while he does not approve of any form of censorship, he would have to concede that such material should not be put before impressionable young minds. Rather such material should be presented to more mature minds as an example of the moral inspiration that is credited with motivating Western "civilization". Needles to say this petition was voted down by the august members of the school board in question. Undoubtedly, the Bible must be the inspiration of today's profit system.

C.C. Redcloud

organizing, carphones, fear & dead right wingers

It was an interesting organizing meeting. We'd met with the workers from the warehouse a couple times earlier. Crisis in the workplace.

We exchanged information with the women we met with. They knew what was happening in the workplace. We knew from other IWW workers in the industry a lot of useful information. Together it added up to a pretty clear picture.

The workplace crisis is advanced. Fear rampant on the shop floor. Some who had already quit might have been good unionists. A business crisis looms over the whole business with ego/idiocy driven decisions (the kinds all bosses make) threatening the short term future of the business. Increased competition and under-capitalization. Speed-ups and cutbacks.

Driving to the meeting my organizing partner and I talked about the many kinds of tasks that have to be done to get your typical volunteer IWW organizer to a meeting with workers. Not just the obvious work — go to meetings and strategize, walk the picket line and agitate, publicize and educate — but all the little kinds of support people have to give each other too. From taking care of each others children on short notice, to getting a car running, having money for gas or lunch or flyers, information gathering, phone calls, and taking care of each others needs so time for volunteer organizing is available.

It had taken the mutual aid of more than a dozen people to do all the things that allowed us "organizers" to go organize. Clearly the whole network of people was doing the work. All the contributions were necessary. And though we were pretty sure we had the most fun tasks we were even more sure it took the whole group to make it happen.

And that makes sense. It is consistent with what we've experienced working in IWW unionized workplaces and organizing IWW and otherwise. It has been collective strength that has won our battles. No Heroes or Sheroes — rather workers mutual aid and solidarity.

So any way one of these meetings was a meeting where the IWW was one of two unions pitching itself to the workers. (Spoiling yr suspense — the other one won. For now.)

It was quite a contrast.

Yes they red-baited us and it did play into fears the management had planted. We noted one of the more "radical" things the IWW has done is be the first union in

the country to have a contract provision protecting people with AIDS.

But we also pointed out that compromise doesn't work. And that it is the members in the IWW shop themselves that choose tactics and strategies. So no strategy would be imposed from the outside. And we explained carefully our point of view that the bosses threatening lower wages and fewer jobs is a pretty "radical" situation especially when the unemployment rate is so "radical." If anything was going to change for the better then the workers themselves would have to be as radical as reality, but in the IWW that would be up to the unionized workers.

Mostly the other unions rep talked about how strength would come from the lawyers on staff, the business agent with a car phone, new car and territory spanning hundreds of miles. Lawyers & experts.

But lawyers will only try to keep you from doing anything. Use 'em only to unstick yourself after a jam, we said.

And we emphasized over and over that only through solidarity on the shop floor, only through involving the workers in the process was anything going to work. And that if they did succeed with a paid organizer, top-down approach then they'd end up with two sets of bosses and be right back trying to build shop floor solidarity in the face of that. And it's not a question of personality, rather that paid professionals and other leader types look out for themselves first.

The weirdest moment was when the lawyer whose office was being used for the meeting appeared. Rather he didn't appear but he spoke. You see he called in and on the speaker phone told us how his plane was late and from his car phone (of course) he wanted to say that with Clinton instead of Bush the labor movement would have more clout in Washington. Yeah sure. A voice without body in the corner of the room telling us to just have faith.

Well we're staying in touch with the workers. Maybe we'll get some members there. If you express radical solidarity over and over 'cos you really mean it, well that's when more members come 'round.

So a couple days later I found proof that the disembodied lawyer was right. As you can see from the news coverage reproduced below Clinton does meet with labor leaders. Dead right-wingers anyway.

— Jeff Ditz

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
January 24, 1993

JIMMY HOFFA MEETS CLINTON

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Around the Union

We Never Forget!



IWW member Ojore N. Lutalo is like many others who know that even when forced into temporary unemployment, they still need an economic organization to defend their working class interests. Ojore, a New Afrikan, has mainly worked in community self defence and security against fascist attacks and drug dealers. Unfortunately he is currently locked down in Trenton, NJ because his security work put him in the position of getting in a gunfight with police in 1975, and with a drug dealer in 1982.

"People aren't going to commit themselves to a life and death struggle just because of grand ideas someone might have floating around in their heads. I feel people will commit themselves to struggle if they can see progress being made similar to the progress of the anarchist collectives in Spain during the era of the fascist Bahamonde..."

"I'm encased in a cage of steel and concrete surrounded by high prison walls topped with gun towers and rows of razor wire while being watched by sadistic fascist (guards)...I'm not complaining because I have accepted revolution which is armed struggle for me, and I have come to terms with the prospects of death and captivity... The vast majority of the Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners now being interned here in the concentration camps of North Amerika aren't receiving any assistance (eg: being liberated, assistance in liberating ourselves, financial assistance needed to obtain food packages, winter clothing, reading material and postage stamps) from the so-called progressive revolutionary organizations, groups and individuals here in Amerika. With our talents, we have been abandoned here in the state's numerous concentration camps and Management Control Units by those out there in what we call minimum custody..."

"We don't need moral support

Remember!



We are in here for you
You are out there for us

because we have purpose. We don't need anyone to tell us to stay strong because we are going to remain steadfast anyway because we have come to terms with the prospects of death and captivity."

To write letters: Ojore N. Lutalo, #59860 MCU, CN-861, Trenton NJ 08625. If you'd like to send financial support for Ojore: NY ABC, PO Box 3, Prince St. Sta., New York NY 10012.

IWW Preamble - The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life. **Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth. We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers. **These conditions can be changed** and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all. **Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system." It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.****

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Singin' Storytellin' Art & Solidarity -Western Workers Festival

The 7th annual Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival was held at the Holiday Inn, Concord CA Jan. 15-17. Rain and blustery weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants who came from around the US to celebrate Labor's richest traditions. From singing and storytelling to workshops on the struggles of Women and Folks of Color, to skits and theater and techniques in illustrated art and mural painting, there was something for everyone's taste.

Sister Worker Zimya and I arrived about noon on Saturday, and what started out (for me, anyway) as simple coverage, became 2 days of education, participation and deep bonding.

There was a reading by Aurora Levins-Morales, on the struggles of women in the garment industry. Read in both Yiddish and English, her story told of the plight of Women slaving in the sweatshops of Eastern Europe and Puerto Rico, and also in the US. The story told in rich language of the struggle of labor in horrendous conditions, and also of emigration and entering a new country; the ongoing plight of sexism, not just in the workplace but in the everyday lives of women everywhere.



Morales was followed by the Jewish Folk Chorus of San Francisco performing songs of the struggles of Jewish workers. Their performance told the history of Jewish workers in Eastern and Central Europe, from the mid-19th century to the early years of this century, reflecting struggles of daily life as well as the workplace.

The Chorus opened with "Un Du Akerst" (And You Plow), written in 1864 for the German Workers Federation. It tells the story of industrial and agricultural workers. (An interesting note: the symbol of the arm & hammer was originally the emblem of Socialists. Later, when agricultural workers were recognized as an integral facet of the Labor Movement, a sickle was added to the hammer. This became the well-known emblem of the Soviet Union.)

Following this was a song about Women in the workforce. The words need to be passed on, for they tell all Women to rise up!

Arbeiter Freuen (Working Women)
 Working women, suffering women
 Women who languish at home and in the Factory
 Why are you standing on the sidelines?
 Why aren't you helping, building a temple of freedom, of human happiness?

Help us carry the red banner forward through the storm, through dark nights!
 Help us spread truth and light among ignorant, lonely slaves!

Men also slaved in the sweatshops and factories. This was pointed out in a song titled "Mein Rue Platz" (My Resting Place), written by Morris Rosenfeld who was described by Upton Sinclair as "the voice of the sweatshop." The song expresses regret that a worker's resting place is not (will not be) a place of peace and comfort but

rather toil, sweat and slavery.

"In Kampf" (In Struggle), written in 1889 by David Engelstadt, was a song about the fight of workers everywhere, the message of which was that although oppressors chain and enslave, torture and murder they "can kill only our bodies... (but) never destroy our spirit... We will fight and go on and on until the world is free."

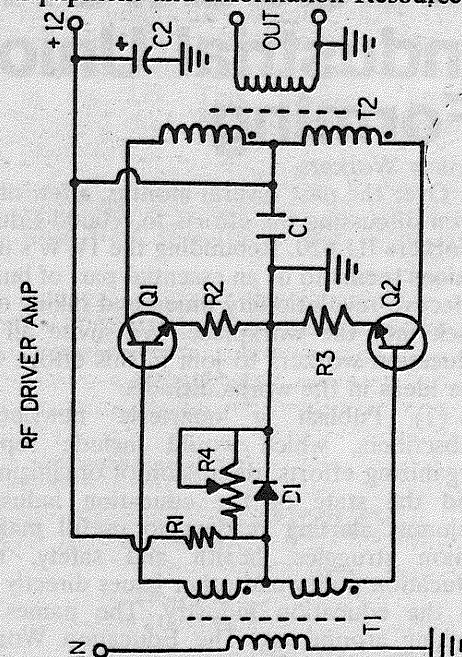
A workshop on the Port Chicago California disaster of 1944 followed. Port Chicago was part of a large Naval complex. On the night of July 17, 1944 a thunderous explosion ripped through the dock area, sinking 2 Liberty ships full of ammunition. 320 were killed, among whom were 202 Black sailors working as laborers. A few days later, 258 sailors refused to engage in loading operations: on the grounds that they would be working under the same leadership (white officers), in the same conditions, and doing the same work as those who were killed at Port Chicago.

50 men were tried for mutiny and sentenced to 15 years each, a reduction in rank and dishonorable discharges. After the war the Navy relaxed its discipline and in January 1946, 49 of the men were released from prison (one remained imprisoned for "disorderly conduct"). A video (available from KRON TV-4, SF CA) revealed that the enlisted men had not been trained in safe handling of ammunition, and had been pressured by officers into working "competitively" in complete disregard of health and safety.

Stories and songs were swapped in a workshop on Women in the workplace led by Pat Wynne, a singer and voice teacher, and Carma Berglund, labor activist. The message was clear: We ain't gonna take this any more, we're gonna fight like hell and WIN! Mural artist Scott Sayre discussed art as a tribute to Labor, and there were workshops on theater and puppeteering

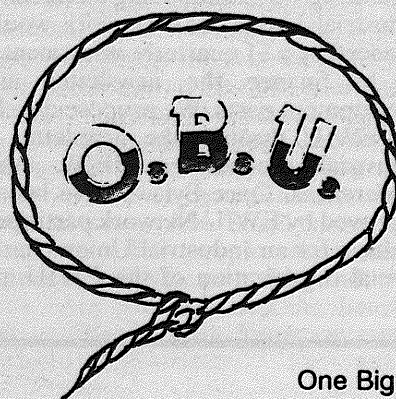
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as a medium of communication. A tribute was held for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and there was music in the evening.

While the Festival carried a message of the Solidarity of All Workers, there was also something else present. This was expressed in the delightful hell-raising lyrics of Anne Feeney (whom I met and found to be very warm and friendly); it was present in the haunting song "An Old Man" by Patricia Wells-Solorzano and Augustin Lira -- where an old man after laboring in the fields all his life, bent from toil, keeps looking into the sky; it was there in the poignant work of Sayre, whose paintings reflect not only struggle but victory.

And it was expressed in Connie Cohen's "Heartland": regardless of setbacks, "You gotta keep movin' on." Her song, "A Dream About You" says that our dreams of a new and better world are indeed possible. I told Connie how much I enjoyed her music. She gave me a tape and said that's what it's all about, folks coming together and sharing a common purpose. Parting, she said, "Carry on."

--Dave Collins X340864

Education Workers Industrial Union Forming

Fellow Workers,

Over the past several months, a few of us have been discussing the efforts to rebuild Educational Workers IU 620. Rebuilding the IWW's industrial unions seems to us an essential part of building an effective revolutionary union and taking our ideas back into the workplace. We invite all Wobbly education workers to join in this effort. Some of the ideas in the works include:

(1) Publish a quarterly newsletter for subscribers, which would include reports on organizing efforts, discussion of organizing tactics and the state of the education industry, and columns alerting readers to useful material on union struggles, health and safety, teaching, education policy and other issues directly relevant to the education industry. The names we are kicking around are The Education Worker and Mind Worker--let us know your suggestions or preference.

(2) Continue the occasional column in the Industrial Worker, which would reprint selected items of broader appeal from our newsletter.

(3) Produce buttons, leaflets and other materials to aid in reaching out to our fellow education workers.

(4) Support and publicize each others' organizing efforts. A FW in Illinois is trying to unionize his fellow TAs. FWs at UC Berkeley are trying to get a first contract. No doubt many of you have considered similar projects. It is not necessary to win majority status to make an organizing effort worth while -- even a small but active group of rebel workers can force the bosses to improve conditions and can serve as a catalyst for future struggles. Each campaign will inspire others to follow suit, and will provide invaluable experience from which we can learn.

(5) Launch an Education Workers computer conference to encourage resource sharing and discussion among FWs around the world (including those presently outside the IWW orbit). To start, such a conference could include an electronic version of the newsletters. Many educational workers (particularly in higher education) are already on computer networks. If we could get this set up and known, it could take on an important life of its own--and facilitate cheap and fast contact with hundreds of education workers. This proposal has thus far drawn the least enthusiasm.

(6) Launch an EWIU network as a first step to organizing a functioning Education Workers Industrial Union. The network would be initially financed by a \$1 quarterly assessment, which would go to finance the newsletter and literature development costs. We propose developing Bylaws for EWIU through the newsletter and through industrial caucuses at IWW assemblies and conferences. Once Bylaws have been drafted and approved by EWIU Network participants we would petition for an Industrial Union charter. Upon the formal organization of the EWIU, projects could

be financed directly through our dues.

We have contacted those IWW education workers we are in touch with directly, and will issue the first issue of the EWIU newsletter in a few weeks (please send \$1 if you'd like a copy). While our list includes Wobblies in all corners of the union, it is weighted towards workers at colleges and universities (professors, TAs, lab technicians, recyclers, etc.). Obviously we need to include more elementary and secondary education workers if this project is ultimately to succeed--and also to reach out to education workers who are not presently members of the IWW. Please let us know of your response to these ideas, and if we can list you as a supporter of this project. Your participation in any aspect of this proposal is welcome and needed.

Jon Bekken Jeff Stein

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assignment: Abolish the Wage System

Canada Tops Education Spending List

Canada tops a 20-country list for overall education spending, according to a report by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. When both public and private education spending are included, Canada was the top spender at 7.2 percent of its Gross Domestic Product, followed by Denmark at 6.9 percent and Finland at 6.8. The report is based on 1988 data, and is adjusted to reflect buying power.

According to the report, the United States is the world's wealthiest industrialized country, followed by Canada. The U.S. spent 5 percent of its Gross Domestic Product on public funding of education, just above the 20-country average of 4.8 percent. With private funds added, the United States spent 5.7, the average for all countries.

The high school graduation rate is almost 100 percent in Denmark, Finland and Germany (which spends 6.2 percent of its GDP on education). The U.S. has a graduate rate of 73.7 percent.

Under the Decree an individual can be detained indefinitely at the pleasure of the military officials. Hundreds of Nigerians languish in jails and detention camps under this Decree.

Both myself and the National Co-ordinator, Mr. Mbah have had to go underground to escape the authorities. It is our considered view that your membership must not do anything that would jeopardize the safety and lives of our colleagues as well as what is remaining of our leadership. We would therefore appreciate all the moral and material or financial support we can get from you.

The struggle of Awareness League is not an isolated one. There are several mass organizations and human rights bodies opposed to military rule. 3 of these bodies have been banned in the run-up to planned mass demonstrations slated for Jan. 2'93. As the only organized revolutionary syndicalist group in the country, however, Awareness League's struggle is unique and a daunting one.

Financial contributions to our ongoing struggle should be by way of International Money Order or UK Bank cheques neatly sealed in envelope to conceal its actual contents. Such contributions may be sent by express mail service to enable us to meet immediate needs. It is important to conceal the actual contents, to beat mail thieves who are rampant in Nigeria. Address to: Awareness League, c/o Samuel Mbah, PO Box 28 Agbani, Enugu State, Nigeria. Yours in Struggle,

--Ifeanyi Chukwu, Acting Nat. Sec.

Awareness League
(Source:WSA)

...Hawaii Wobs

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Kwajalein Development Agency (KADA), not to the Marshallese people who were not consulted. The deal was brokered by KADA and UNOCAL employee and notorious waste trader Bruce Hudleston.

The waste consists of earth contaminated with dangerous lead, cadmium and petroleum byproducts from gasoline leaked for years from underground tanks at UNOCAL gas (petrol) stations in Hawai'i. (Hawai'i is another small Pacific Island nation, invaded by US Marines on Jan. 17, 1893, annexed and occupied to this day, exactly a century later.) The soil is considered too dangerous to be buried here - but safe enough for the people of the Marshall Islands! It would cost UNOCAL twice as much to ship the contaminated earth to the US and clean it up there -- hence the sudden generosity to the Marshalls.

Dec. 14, '92 members of Honolulu IWW Group took to the street to support a Greenpeace demo press conference outside UNOCAL's downtown office. The protest attracted 50 participants - a good turn-out for Honolulu - timed to coincide with the arrival of the waste-trading barge in the Marshalls, and other demos in Guam and at UNOCAL in Los Angeles. It included members of Greenpeace International, Life of the Land, Hawai'i Greens, Oahu Rainforest Action Group, American Friends Service Committee, Ka Lahui Hawai'i (the largest ethnic Hawaiian sovereignty group with 12,000 members), as well as your FW's. Located in the heart of Honolulu's business district, the protest was something different for hundreds of office slaves who leave their skyscrapers every day at that time to stroll around vacantly in the Hawaiian sunshine. There were the usual expressions of hostility - most of them work for big corporations like UNOCAL, after all - but encouraging words too, and a lot of idle curiosity.

Local Wobs handed out a flyer spelling out our view of UNOCAL's dumping plans under the title: **Poison the Bosses, Not Marshallese Workers!** We supported the Greenpeace position that if these soils are so safe (and more so if they are not), UNOCAL should ship them to their offices in Los Angeles! Better yet, fertilize UNOCAL bosses' vegetable gardens with the stuff! The poisoned earth is Hawai'i's problem (it's our automobile addiction that UNOCAL exploits). We cannot in good conscience allow UNOCAL or any other agency to put people in the position where their only options are living with poison or poverty.

The other side of the flyer explained what IWW stands for, gave sub info for the *Industrial Worker*, and invited people to join our IWW group. We carried large signs bearing IWW symbols and Wobbly slogans on the issue. We did a few in Creole, the variety of English spoken by most "locals" in Hawai'i, but rarely seen in written form. This seemed to work as an ice breaker for many passers-by, bringing smiles to the faces of Asian-Americans, who are a good portion of the lower paid office workers, and often work for *haole* bosses. (*Haole* is the Hawaiian word for foreign, usually Caucasian.)

The protest received positive TV and press - a change for Hawai'i, reflecting good advance publicity by a FW, but also related to a piece of direct action a few days earlier, when 11 local activists, native Hawaiians and US-based Greenpeaceers were arrested after blocking the loading ramp of the barge Pacific Trader, and chaining themselves to a shipyard bulldozer. The demo was calm, but made the news on all the local TV stations and papers. The outrageous behavior of UNOCAL seemed to get through to several journalists, who kept the story in the press for the next 48 hours.

And good news it was! On the 15th, a KADA official denied that KADA had ever signed an agreement to accept the waste, and expressed annoyance that UNOCAL had jumped the gun by sending the first of what would have been 20 barge loads. In Los Angeles, a UNOCAL spokesperson promptly called that a "pack of lies." Later, however, he admitted that the company's barge had been forced to turn around, would not be dumping anything in the Marshalls, and was instead headed for Seattle.

Next day, UNOCAL cancelled all plans to assist with the causeway project! A week later, the Honolulu office informed media that Bruce Hudleston, UNOCAL engineer who had set up the deal, had "submitted his resignation" due to a "conflict of interest" - not with the health and human rights of Marshallese workers, but for being financially involved with both UNOCAL and the Marshall Island development corporation to which he awarded the contract.

The Marshallese future, and this one shipment is important; but activists hope the UNOCAL venture will set a precedent for other corporations. It would have been the first dumping of such a toxic cargo in the Pacific. Given capitalism's growing toxic waste disposal problem, small nations' poverty, pernicious US influence in the region and political corruption everywhere, it's a fair bet this type of waste disposal scheme will be tried again.

Wobs often stress the important connections between labor and environment. The work of Judi Bari and other FWs in California around Redwood Summer and the logging industry is a particularly inspiring example. Toxic waste disposal is another clear case. It is workers who handle toxic waste at its source and on the receiving end, and who then suffer consequences to their health. It is bosses whose decisions and greed create the mess in the first place, and then try to profit from its disposal.

Given the need for corporations to get rid of the stuff in another state or another country ("not in my backyard!"), the issue calls for collaboration and mutual aid among groups of workers in different locations. That is surely appropriate for an internationalist Union whose members have always had a healthy attitude towards national borders. --Honolulu IWW Group

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features of the Compound is a small walls for privacy. One of the most grim 'lock-up' room, with a small, heavily barred window high up, and a metal ring in the wall, to up workers imprisoned there. Newtown Compound is one of very few compounds still standing; most compounds on the Witwatersrand have been demolished. They were an embarrassment to the white municipalities, who did not want to be reminded of the fact that their wealth was built on exploitation and appalling working and living conditions of workers.

But that is precisely what we think people should be made aware of. That is why we think we should lobby to have the Compound turned into a museum of labor history -- a place where people can study the workings of oppression and resistance.

--Workers Library PO Box 6214
Johannesburg 2000 South Africa.

Dear Comrades,

Fraternal Greetings from Awareness League! Our membership is encouraged to know you are with us in the struggle to have our comrades who are illegally being detained for months by the Nigerian military administration freed immediately and without conditions.

In the last 6 months Awareness League members have been harassed all over. Our colleagues are being held under Decree No. 2 known as the Security Detention of Persons Decree of 1985.

Fear of Freedom Fear of Equality

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for a prostitute.

From the time of the French revolution, when the uncontrollable fishwives of Paris became domesticated middle class women, mutuality was out of the question. For the woman, her body was no longer a source of delight, but simply an apparatus, the use of which she could sell in exchange for other goods of equal value: either a one-time sale to a single user or one that would be repeated again and again to multiple users. In this way women experienced an alienation far deeper than a workers from the products of her labor. For, while a wage laborer, a woman sold her labor power -- for example, the skills of her hands -- as a woman she sold herself entirely.

On this basis, which is the result of a social development so deeply anchored that it has become second nature for both genders, men feel themselves strong enough and confident enough to try to appropriate women's attempts to liberate themselves. Thus, in the early revolutionary stage of the Soviet Union, initial attempts at sexual liberation promptly changed into their opposite. When women like Kollontai advocated the dismantling of marriage as a forced structure and called for free love, every man who did not directly disapprove of such demands joined their ranks. The girls of the Komsomol were now under pressure or even forced by their male colleagues to be sexually available. If they refused to be at the man's disposal, the ewer branded as counter-revolutionary and effectively blackmailed.

Something similar occurred during

the sexual revolution of the '60s. Women who refused to sleep with everybody and join in any and all sexual games were denounced as reactionary and frigid. What happened then in limited, quasi-elite circles has become a mass phenomenon in today's porno-drenched male society.

Just as there are smart racists, there are smart sexists. Their well-established tactic is to encourage women to believe that their ability to give birth confers special qualities: women as a gender are better human beings, more loving, more tolerant, more caring, more peaceful and considerate of life. This suggestion implies, on the one hand, that men don't have to learn these qualities, and that women, on the other hand, should keep their distance from "male" (as defined by men) qualities. Many women let themselves be drugged by this narcotic, so that they don't have to accept and change their real position as unequal, dependent, exploited and humiliated human beings.

It's not simply an outside enemy against which the revolutionary must fight: the norms are hidden deep inside and are closely intertwined with the material which makes him a social human being. In order to fight against it he has to destroy part of himself. This is also the case for the revolutionary woman. She must destroy the (female) slave inside herself, just as the male revolutionary has to destroy the ruler in himself. She struggles for her victory as a human being, the concrete advantages of his malehood obstruct his view of the unimaginable advantages of being human.

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Ruses for War

The ruses for war: American interventionism since World War II by John Quigley. Prometheus Books, 1992, 310 pages.

A small print timeline of U.S. military interventions dating from 1890 (Argentina) to the present extends, shockingly, for over 12 feet. This book, covering just the segment of the line beginning with the Korean War, details a paranoid cycle of bipartisan government manipulation and obfuscation that repeats itself over and over. Running throughout is a series of pretexts (e.g., anti-communism), denial and outright lies, not to mention a ruthless disregard for human lives. "Friendly" ambassadors are reassigned to hotspots. A gullible press regurgitates disinformation. The pattern continues from Douglas MacArthur's bloodthirsty attempts to wage war with China, to CIA-run juntas in Guatemala, covert military efforts to install puppet governments in Indonesia and Cuba, invasions of Grenada ("in the name of our students") and Panama, and bombings of Libya and Iraq. Usually it's not U.S. citizens doing the dirty work--the Hmong were coerced to battle the communist Pathet Lao, for example. Eminently readable, packaged in brief digestible chapters, this book will make your blood roil. Meticulously footnoted, it includes a name index and a useful bibliography. Author Quigley, a former member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, is currently professor of Law at Ohio State University. (Reprinted from MSRRT Newsletter, 16 pages of short reviews of books and alternative magazines available by donation from Chris Dodge, 4645 Columbus Ave. S., Minneapolis MN 55407)

Recent Periodicals

The Utopian Worker (\$8.95 from New Earth Publications, Box 4790, Berkeley CA 94704) is a new annual journal loosely in the Christian Socialist tradition. Some of the contributors are Wobblies, and although most of the contributions are more literary than political in tone, a working-class spirit suffuses the 96 pages. The Utopian Worker is an eclectic volume, with poems, drawings, interviews (with Isabel Allende, Ernesto Cardenal and Bruce Cockburn), and short articles on the intersection of Marxism and Christianity, the collapse of authoritarian socialism, working with homeless people, and Ernest Bloch's utopian theology.

The spiritual tradition reflected here is more Catholic than the Protestantism of the original Christian Socialists, and messianic in a way that materialists may find somewhat unsettling. And in the editors' effort to be open and non-sectarian, certain contradictions creep in. So we have musings on "national liberation" struggles cheek-by-jowl with essays on similarities in the Christian and Marxist gospels. "Capitalism can be criticized," one writer notes, "not only because of the exploitation which it inflicts on the majority, but also on account of the destruction of human desires.... The Biblical God has taken sides irrevocably

with the poor," (certainly an arguable proposition).

Another concludes that "the class struggle ultimately dominated" the goal of socialism, dooming the project of human liberation. Instead of class struggle, Will Spieler suggests that we build a politics of solidarity with the developing world, of peace, of ecological integrity, of feminism, of social ethics. There appears to be no room, for Spieler, for specifically working-class struggles--or indeed for struggle of any sort. Instead he suggests

that we work to enable "as many people as possible (to) effectively plead for justice, peace and the integrity of creation."

(emphasis added) Although this is certainly a well-produced and thoughtful journal, it leaves this materialist non-Marxist

unconvinced. The authors and I share much common ground in our commitment to building a new, free society--one based on truly

human values and needs, and based upon respect for each other and for our planet. But in its ambivalence towards class struggle and social revolution I think the editors reveal, perhaps inadvertently, why their vision is "utopian." [JB]

Bayou La Rose (\$2 from Left Bank Distribution, 4142 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105) is edited by veteran Wobbly and anarchist Arthur J. Miller.

Book Notes

Fellow Workers interested in reviewing books for the IW are invited to contact me so we can get you a copy (see last issue for some general guidelines). Among the many titles available are Sam Pizzigati and Fred Solowey's *The New Labor Press: Journalism for a Changing Union Movement* and Ward Churchill and Jim Vander Wall's *Cages of Steel: The Politics of Imprisonment in the United States*. Requests for books, reviews of books you have already read, or suggestions can be sent to:

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#40 marks his 15th year of publication of this militantly class-conscious and ecological journal. An editorial notes, "The Bayou is an outlaw, a breaker of rules... it is a paper of the bottom rising up against the top... If'n there be a fire burning red hot with rage within your heart, then join us as we raise up from the gutters of oppression and kick the ass of the master class. From the prisons and ghettos, from the low-dive cafes and bars, from the workplaces and reservations, from the women's shelters and old folks prisons, from the homeless dwellings and the back water swamps, we will have our day!"

This sums up the editorial approach. Articles include exhortations against scabbing, reports on (and appealing for support of) native american struggles, international struggles (notably an article on restructuring labor relations in Mexico), solidarity appeals from around the world, reports on attacks against the environment in British Columbia, Malaysia and Northern California, and a very interesting article on international industrial realignment and the need for all people to come together to build a new world. Recommended.

The new edition of the *Libertarian Labor Review* (\$3 from Box 762, Cortland NY 13045) includes editorials on nationalist folly, extensive international coverage, a history of IWW organizing in Ann Arbor, Michigan, syndicalist ecology, libertarian economics and syndicalism in Norway and Russia. The Review comes out twice a year, and most of the contributors are Wobblies. As one of the editors, I will refrain from telling you how superb a journal it is. But I invite you to find out for yourselves.

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